Task Force to combat AIDS

2353. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force set up to his Ministry to combat AIDS has taken off;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is still in the non-functional state;

(c) what is the schedule for this Task Force to start working;

(d) whether it has considered the reluctance of doctors to treat AIDS patients; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e) The Government has formulated a comprehensive strategy to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country consisting of generation of awareness among risk-behaviour group and other people, blood safety and rational use of blood, control of sexually transmitted diseases, better facilities for surveillance, clinical diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS cases. A wing of the Ministry known as the National AIDS Control Organisation has been established for this purpose. Detialed action plans have been drawn up and their implementation is being vigoroualy pursued.

Research Projects of ICMR

2354. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i a fact that the Indian Council of Medical Research had taken up 23 research projects to assess the effect of Bhopal gas leak case on the lungs, muscles etc. of the victims;

(b) the expenditure incurred on each of the research projects;

(c) the findings of these projects; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken on the basis of these findings?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) ICMR has undertaken 29 research projects at a total cost of Rs. 683.09 lakhs. The findings related to epidemiological aspects, including immediate mortality and morbidity, ophthalmic and respiratory complaints, effects on pregnancy and the new born and also mental health. The Government has been providing medical relief to the gas victims free of cost. Facilities in Government run institutions have been substantially strengthened. Establishment of a 540 bedded Kamla Nehru Hospital has been taken up to provide inpatient facilities.

Supply of blood in Government Hospitals of Delhi

2355. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Times of India dated 11-12-93 regarding the Government hospitals in Delhi getting their entire upply of blood through public tenders ignoring the dangers of AIDS; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to prevent the practice of obtaining blood having high risk of HIV infection?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) It came to the notice of the Government that ESIC had been inviting tenders for the supply of blood for transfusion purposes from registered blood banks. The matter was taken up with the ESIC and they have since decided to have their own blood bank in their hospital at Basai-Darapur.

(b) Testing of every unit of blood for HIV infection has already been made mandatory. Steps have also been initiated to promote voluntary blood donation and phase out professional blood donors in the country.

School of Nursing at Jipmer, Pondicherry

2356. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2892 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd September, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up a School of Nursing at JIPMER, Pondicherry has been approved by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, when it was approved and details thereof;

(c) what other steps have been taken to set up the school;

(d) what will be the annual non-plan expenditure; and

(e) what will be the plan expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e) There is no proposal now to establish a School of Nursing at Jipmer, Pondicherry. A proposal to set up a College of Nursing was not pursued as a BSc. Nursing Course had already been introduced by the Government of Pondicherry.

प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों संबंधी अध्ययन

2357. **डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय द्वारा हाल ही में देश में प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों के संबंध में एक अध्ययन कराया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि अध्ययन दल ने अपना प्रतिवेदन सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दिया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो प्रतिवेदन में इन केन्द्रों के संबंध में क्या उल्लेख किया गया है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस प्रतिवेदन के आधार पर इन केन्द्रों की हालत सुधारने के लिये उपाय करने का निर्णय लिया है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो किन उपायों के संबंध में निर्णय लिया गया है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) और (ख) जनांकिकीय रूप से पिछड़े नब्बे जिलों में एक सुविधा अन्तराल सर्वेक्षण किया गया ।

(ग) इस अध्ययन से कुछ प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में निरन्तर जल आपूर्ति, विद्युत, आब्जर्वेशन पलंगों, प्रसव कक्षों और आपरेशन थियेटरों और स्टाफ की कमी होने का पता चला ।

(घ) जी, हां ।

(ङ) सामाजिक सुरक्षा नेट योजना के अन्तर्गत जनांकिकीय रूप से पिछड़े सभी नब्बे जिलों के चुनिंदा प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में आपरेशन थियेटर, आब्जर्वेशन वार्ड, स्टाफ, क्वार्टरों, उपकरण आदि प्रदान करने के लिये राज्यों को धन प्रदान किया गया है ।

सती स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं संबंधी प्रस्ताव

2358. **डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनक 31 अक्तूबर, 1993 के "दि इकोनोमिक टाइम्स" में "हैल्थ केयर ओनली फोर दि वैल्थी" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;